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# News Release

## **70-year-old Henderson man gets 30 years in prison for child exploitation offenses** *Solicited a "14-year-old girl" online; admits addiction to child pornography*

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — A 70-year-old Henderson man was sentenced to 30 years in federal prison for violating child exploitation laws by soliciting for sex on the Internet a "14-year-old girl" who turned out to be an undercover officer. This significant sentence resulted from an investigation by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

Robert Quinn, of the 1600 block of Marshall in Henderson, Ky., was sentenced to 30 years imprisonment, plus seven years supervised release, for 14 charges of violating federal child pornography laws, according to an announcement by David L. Huber, U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky. In addition to the prison sentence, a special penalty assessment of \$1400 was imposed, and the court ordered the forfeiture of Quinn's interest in his home because he used it during the commission of the child pornography offenses.

The case against Quinn began in 2004, when a detective with the San Antonio Police Department in Texas posed as a 14-year-old girl in Internet chat rooms. ICE agents in Bowling Green, Ky., were contacted after it was determined that a subject living in Henderson had been transmitting child pornography to the undercover agent.

During a prior guilty plea hearing, Quinn admitted that he had used a computer in his home to engage in on-line "chats" with a person he believed to be a 14-year-old girl. During the course of those chats, which occurred on 13 separate occasions, Quinn sent files that included still images and videos of children engaged in sexually explicit conduct. He reaffirmed an earlier admission that he had engaged in these chats with 10 to 12 people he believed to be children. Quinn also admitted that when ICE agents conducted a search warrant on his home and seized computers and computer-related items on April 22, 2005, he possessed numerous files of children engaged in sexually explicit conduct. During the course of the various chats, Quinn discussed meeting the 14-year-old to engage in sexual activity. He engaged in the discussions while transmitting images of child pornography and admitted that he is "addicted" to child pornography.

Asst. U.S. Attorney Jo E. Lawless prosecuted the case. ICE was assisted in the investigation by the San Antonio Police Department and the Henderson Police Department.

The investigation into Quinn falls under ICE's Operation Predator, an ongoing ICE enforcement initiative to identify, investigate, arrest and, in the case of foreign nationals, deport child sex predators. Since the initiative began in July 2003, ICE agents have arrested more than 7,900 individuals nationwide.

ICE encourages the reporting of suspected child predators and any suspicious activity through its toll-free hotline at 1-866-DHS-2ICE. This hotline is staffed around the clock by investigators.

Suspected child sexual exploitation or missing children may be reported to the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, an Operation Predator partner, at 1-800-843-5678 or **<http://www.cybertipline.com>**.

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